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PROFESSOR MATTHEW BLACK TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL BANQUET IN MITTEN HALL

WHAT WILL IT BE ?

Do you want to know exactly what Dr. Black is going to call "The Hardest Reading in the World?"

So would the editor of this Bulletin.

Dr. Black wouldn't divulge the contents of his speech when interviewed on the telephone recently. He did, however, mention the titles of some of the materials he will discuss during the course of the speech.

Are you as well acquainted with them as you were when you last read them?

Here they are:

Shelley's Hymn to Intellectual Beauty.

Swinburne's Hertha.

Gerald Manley Hopkins' poetry.

The Campaign Speeches of Truman and Dewey.

Shakespeare's later tragedies, such as Troilus and Cressida, and King Lear

NOTICE

Your 1949 dues are now payable. A healthy organization is a wealthy organization. The coupon on the back page of this Bulletin is for your convenience.

"The Hardest Reading in the World" will be the subject of Professor Matthew Wilson Black's address at the annual banquet of the International Council for the Improvement of Reading Instruction on February third.

Dr. Black is the Graduate Chairman of the Department of English at the University of Pennsylvania. His reputation as an accomplished speaker is well known throughout Pennsylvania and the Middle West, where he has spoken to many groups as a representative of the University of Pennsylvania.

A specialist in Elizabethan literature, Dr. Black is a recognized authority in that field. His broad knowledge of the field of English gives him an excellent background for his talk.

Dr. Black served as Director of the Drama Section of the English Institute, at Columbia University, is Consultant in Elizabethan Literature and Secretary of the Shakespeare Section of the Modern Language Association. He is the author of many books, including The Life and Works of Richard Brathwaite, Elizabethan and Seventeenth Century Lyrics, and co-author of Writing by Types and Shakespeare's Seventeenth Century Editors.

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FACTS ABOUT THE BANQUET

The Second Annual Banquet of the International Council for the Improvement of Reading Instruction will be held in the Mitten Hall Auditorium at 6:15 P.M. on Thursday, February third.

All of the members who are attending the Annual Institute on Reading, which is being held at Temple University during the week of January 31 to February 4, will be there.

Additional reservations may be made through the Reading Clinic, Temple University. The cost is \$2.50 per person.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Plans have been made for a meeting of the I.C.I.R.I. during the convention of the American Association of School Administrators in March.

The speaker will be a prominent educator, whose name will be announced later.

On April 1, the I.C.I.R.I. will sponsor a meeting to be held in conjunction with School-men's Week.

NEW BOOKS

Have you seen Paul McKee's next text, "The Teaching of Reading in the Elementary School? It was published in 1948 by Houghton Mifflin, in Boston.

William S. Gray has written an excellent volume on Word Recognition. It is called On Their Own in Reading, and appears under the Scott, Foresman imprint.

The important subject of critical reading is treated by Richard Altick in Preface to Critical Reading, published by Henry Holt and Company.

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